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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAFUMI SANO ET AL. ) Examiner: Edna Wong  
Application No.: 10/046,903 ) Group Art Unit: 1753  
Filed: January 17, 2002 )  
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING ZINC )  
OXIDE THIN FILM, METHOD OF )  
PRODUCING PHOTOVOLTAIC )  
DEVICE AND METHOD OF )  
PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE ) January 8, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2003, kindly consider  
the following remarks for the subject application.

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b) REMARKS

The claims are 1-30 and 46-57. In response to the outstanding six-way restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a method of producing a zinc oxide thin film, a method of producing a photovoltaic device and a method of producing a semiconductor device substrate in class 205, subclass 194.

It is submitted that restriction should not be required, since it is believed that the search for all groups will be coextensive, that no separate status in the art was shown and that the zinc oxide thin film produced by this invention has enhanced photoconductive characteristics, durability and is formed at reduced cost as set forth in paragraph [221].

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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